GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO PROJECT AFFECTED PEOPLE
Jadhao Shri Prakash B.

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints/appeals for providing suitable compensation and jobs to the project-affected-people after the acquisition of their land for Western Coalfields Ltd.`s Gondegoan project in Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Coal company including the Western Coalfields Ltd. for disposal of the pending claims of such project-affected-people;

(d) whether any direction has been issued by the Government to Coal company to provide relief to these people immediately; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Some references have been received in Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) from Shri Prakash B. Jadhao and Shri Hansraj G. Ahir, Hon`ble Members of Parliament requesting for enhanced payment of land compensation to land oustees, employment to all land oustees and rehabilitation of Gondegaon village.

(c) In respect of 494.64 hectares of land acquired under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957 and also under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, all claims regarding payment of compensation and providing jobs to eligible land oustees have been settled. However, out of the 103 land oustees involved in the acquisition of the remaining 119.87 hectares of land through direct purchase by WCL, in villages Ghatrohana and Juni Kamptee, 29 land oustees have already accepted the final land compensation and executed the sale deeds, 65 land oustees have been paid advance-compensation at the rate of Rs.35,000 per hectare and the final settlement is in progress and the remaining 9 land oustees are being persuaded to receive the land compensation based on the land rate provided by the State authority. Under direct acquisition of land, out of the 65 eligible employment, 60 land oustees have been provided employment, claims for employment of 4 land oustees are under process and one land oustee has been given subsistence allowance in lieu of employment. Alternative site for resettlement of Gondegaon village has been identified and the purchase of land is in the final stage.

(d) & (e) As the claims of the land oustees are to be settled in accordance with the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of Coal India Limited, no separate directive is issued by the Government to Western Coalfileds Limited.